

REMARKS

Claims 11-26, as amended, remain herein.

1. Claims 11-13, 15, 17-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Balassanian U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0021857. Balassanian discloses techniques for routing media from a source appliance to a destination appliance across a network. However, Balassanian fails to disclose transmitting all data for a network other than the first network of a plurality of networks in a home bus system only to a predetermined particular router which is one router among a plurality of routers connected to the first network, as claimed.

Furthermore, Balassanian is not prior art.—applicants conceived their claimed invention before February 4, 2000, the earliest priority date of Balassanian and hereby swear behind the reference, as stated in the attached Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 of the inventors Reiko Ueno and Yausyuki Shintani. Thus, Balassanian is not prior art and cannot be the basis for a rejection under § 102. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of those claims.

2. Claims 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Balassanian in view of Teraoka U.S. Patent 6,292,836. For the reasons stated above, Balassanian is not prior art and cannot serve as a basis for rejection of this application. Additionally, Teraoka fails to disclose, teach or suggest, *inter alia*, a method for transmitting data from an appliance connected to a first network in a home bus system that includes transmitting data for a network other than a first network of a plurality of networks in a home bus system only to a predetermined particular router which is one router among a plurality of routers connected to

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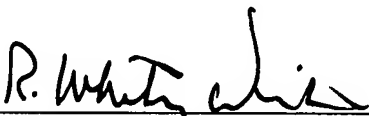
the first network.

Thus, there is no disclosure or teaching in Teraoka that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of those claims.

Accordingly, the application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.3123 C1). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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